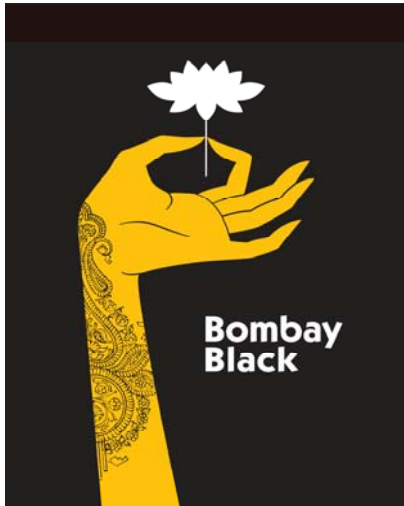


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Arts Club Theatre Company presents

### ***Bombay Black***

A Cahoots Theatre Projects production  
in association with Nightswimming Theatre  
**By Anosh Irani**

**February 21–March 15, 2008**

Previews: February 21–February 27  
Media opening: February 27

**Granville Island Stage**

VANCOUVER, B.C.— “**To fall in love, we must fall into the sea. Are you in the mood to do something dangerous?**” In present-day Bombay, a beautiful dancer (**Anita Majumdar**) casts an erotic spell over her clientele until a bewildering stranger (**Sanjay Talwar**) reveals a secret that jeopardizes their lives. Vancouver-based and nationally renowned writer **Anosh Irani** weaves realism with magic, searing the imagination with his captivating tale of seduction, betrayal, and that leap of faith called love.

Born and raised in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), Anosh Irani moved to Vancouver a decade ago to become a writer. By 2003 his first play, *The Matka King*, premiered at the Arts Club and was touted by *The Vancouver Sun* as “black and seductive as the desert night.” Published collectively as *The Bombay Plays*, Irani’s work was nominated for the 2007 Governor General’s Literary Award for drama, with the jury citing the playwright’s “fierce, funny, and wholly original” voice. His well-received first novel, *The Cripple and His Talismans*, was soon followed by his second, *The Song of Kahunsha*, which was selected for the 2007 edition of CBC Radio One’s *Canada Reads*. His latest theatrical offering, *Bombay Black*, is the winner of 4 Dora Mavor Moore Awards, including Outstanding New Play.

#### THIS PRODUCTION CONTAINS MATURE CONTENT

By **Anosh Irani**. Starring: **Deena Aziz, Anita Majumdar, Sanjay Talwar**. Director: **Brian Quirt**. Set and Costume Designer: **Camellia Koo**. Lighting Designer: **Rebecca Picherack**. Composer and Sound Designer: **Suba Sankaran**. Choreographer: **Nova Bhattacharya**. Stage Manager: **Tanya Greve**.

#### WHAT CRITICS SAY

“Sensuous, lyrical, mysterious, sordid, grotesque, romantic and highly emblematic.”—**Globe and Mail**

“The play unfolds partly as a love story, partly as a study in the oldest of all dramatic subjects, the ethics of revenge. Pungent and lyrical and sometimes witty. Line by line, Irani never hits a false note.” —**National Post**

“Intrigue, betrayal, love and seduction. This month’s most riveting watch on Mumbai’s theatre circuit is *Bombay Black*.” —**Elle Magazine**

Co-presented by Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad

**IN BRIEF:** The Arts Club Theatre Company presents ***Bombay Black*** at the Granville Island Stage (1585 Johnston Street) from February 21 to March 15, 2008 (**PREVIEWS: FEBRUARY 21–FEBRUARY 27; MEDIA OPENING: FEBRUARY 27**). Monday at 8 pm, Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Wednesday–Saturday at 8 pm, and Wednesday & Saturday at 2 pm. Tickets are \$30–\$41 inclusive of taxes and fees, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. Call the Arts Club Box Office at 604.687.1644 or visit [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com).

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The company also tours a three-show mini-season throughout the province annually.

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